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Mill Fork West Extension Tract

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The Forest Service has reviewed the Mine Permit Amendment for the Mill Fork West Extension Tract. The following attachment includes our comment.

Thanks,

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(See attached file: comment_7_17_06.doc)

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Incoming OK CO150018 tuste 2544 Forest Service Comment Mill Fork West Extension Tract LBA Amendment Federal Lease UTU-84285 July 17, 2006

1. Introduction, Page iv, 2nd paragraph, 2nd and 3rd sentences:

Longwall extraction mining is prohibited within a 22 degree angle of draw, projected eastward from the surface expression of the Joes Valley fault. This is explained in Stipulation 19 of the Joint Decision Notice. Stipulation 19 states that mining that could cause subsidence will not be permitted within the buffer zone, which is determined by the angle of draw. Map MFS1825D (Hiawatha Seam) shows portions of the start-up rooms within the buffer zone. This error must be corrected, and a discussion provided, showing that all subsidence will be restricted to the area east of the Joes Valley fault.